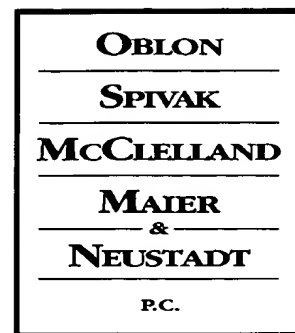




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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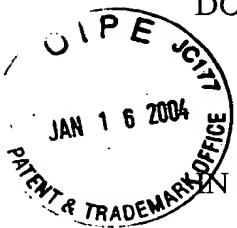
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This application has been allowed, but the issue fee, as yet, has not been paid. Kindly
make the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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